

Britain can make a difference!

That's the major theme of this year's CND National Rally and demonstration to be held in London on Saturday October 26. The rally will be held in the first week of United Nations Peace Year and will highlight CND's call for our Government to take a stand for nuclear disarmament. "Human race or nuclear race — that's the stark choice facing the world in Peace Year. We want our Government and all other nuclear powers to begin to act for nuclear disarmament rather than just piling more and more weapons onto the nuclear mountain" Bruce Kent, CND spokesperson told TUCND News.

A circular demonstration will link the Embassies of the two major nuclear powers with the people of the world caught in between them. "With the horror pictures of the African famine still firmly planted in our minds, the demonstration will also draw attention to the gross obscenity of the massive expenditure on the arms race" said Bruce Kent. With Britain planning to spend £18 thousand million on "defence" this year and with something like £12 billion due to be spent on the Trident nuclear missile submarine, there is real point to calling on the Government to reverse its policies.

Through a wide range of symbolic actions during the rally and demonstration the determination of the peace movement around the world will be emphasised and contrasted with the failures of the

Governments to make any meaningful progress towards nuclear disarmament.

At the rally CND will be calling for Britain to take a stand for nuclear disarmament by cancelling the Trident nuclear missile submarine contract, removing all Cruise Missiles, and by closing down all nuclear bases.

Trade Union CND is urging all trade union supporters of CND to turn out on the day and to help ensure a massive trade union presence.

"We want TUCND supporters to use the lead up time to the rally to publicise the rally within their union and at their workplace", John Chowcat, TUCND Chair said.

Publicity material, including leaflets and posters will be available in mid-August and it is essential that these do not just lay in offices collecting dust. CND will also be using the week after October 26 to further publicise the anti-nuclear cause. Supporters will be urged to participate in CND Badge Week by wearing their CND badge to work and elsewhere and by encouraging their friends to do so as well. A special leaflet for distribution after the day is also to be prepared. October 26 is the crucial day in the life of the peace movement.

It is our opportunity to show politicians of all parties that the nuclear disarmament movement is not dead, that we do want our country to live up to its responsibilities and help to reverse the arms race. Join us on October 26.

For details of publicity materials contact TUCND, 22-24 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ or your local CND Group.



TRADE UNION CND: HINTS FOR ACTION

Trade Union CND is a specialist section of CND. Our role is to promote CND's aims in the trade union movement. TUCND will offer whatever assistance we can to any union and/or CND member who wishes to promote CND in the union movement.

FIRST STEPS

If you're a union member you could consider the following steps:

- Join CND nationally and/or locally.
- Wear a CND badge to work.
- Talk to your workmates about CND and CND activities.
- Display CND posters at work.
- Keep a small stock of literature for people who want more information.

INFLUENCING YOUR UNION

- Suggest that your union branch invite a CND speaker.
 - Move a policy resolution opposing the nuclear arms race at your branch.
- Model resolutions are available from TUCND.

- Urge your branch to affiliate the CND. Details are available from TUCND.
- Suggest that your branch distribute CND material and sponsor CND activities.

- Persuade your branch to take action itself, appoint a CND liaison officer, produce your own leaflets etc.

● Move resolutions to go to other sections of the union.

If your CND groups wishes to increase union involvement in your activities, the following steps could be considered:

- Appoint a Trade Union liaison officer.
- Survey your group's members to find out which unions they're members of.

- Through your members find out the present policies of local unions. Ask them to raise the issue at their local branch meeting.

- Contact local branches and trades councils offering speakers, asking for support for your campaigns.

These are just a few hints: for a full guide contact Andrew Hewett at Trade Union CND.

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HIROSHIMA:



We must never forget!



August 6 marks the fortieth anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. On that day in 1945, an American B-29 bomber flew over the city and at 8.15am dropped a 12.5 kiloton bomb, nicknamed "Little Boy". The city centre was turned into a "sea of fire". Further out walls, railway lines and concrete buildings were twisted and buckled out of shape. People were literally vaporised, leaving only their shadows blasted into the surface of the walls.



SEA OF FIRE

Three days later the horror was repeated at Nagasaki. This time an even more advanced bomb, nicknamed "Fat Boy" was used. Medical services in both cities were almost totally destroyed with 90% of health workers killed. Medical supplies run out almost immediately. But the horrors of the blast were only the beginning. For, a short while after a new disease, radiation sickness appeared. People developed dysentery and purpura, dark red spots in the skin, bloody excrement and falling hair. Their blood failed to clot and they bled from their gums and orifices. Doctors had little idea on how to cope and found the medical conditions outside their experience. While



COLD WAR BEGINS

The bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, rather than being the end of the War was more the beginning of the Cold War. The United States wished to end the War before the Soviet Union could enter the war against Japan and they also wished to experiment with their new weapons. And they wanted to show that they were willing to use the new horror weapons. It was crucial for them to have the advantage in the immediate post-war situation. Since the bombings we have seen an unrelenting nuclear arms race. On the present scale of nuclear weapons, "Little Boy" and "Fat Boy" are just puny. The Cruise Missiles, for instance that are located at Greenham Common and which the Government wishes to place at Molesworth, have an explosive power 15 times that of the Hiroshima bomb.

Hiroshima also destroys the fallacy that a nuclear war can be survived. For while the Government persists with their advice that we should whitewash our windows and stay inside, the reality is that a nuclear war is not survivable. Even if the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had been equipped with their copies of the Home Office's "Protect and Survive" it is unlikely that the death toll would have been any smaller.



LISTEN TO THE HIBAKUSHA!

There is one group of people who have been urging the world to heed the lessons of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They are the surviving victims of the bombings, known in Japan as the Hibakusha. For the last forty years they have lived in fear of leukaemia, cancer, malignant tumours and anaemia — illnesses that have claimed so many of their friends, relatives and fellow citizens. They have become some of the world's most dedicated anti-nuclear campaigners. They take as their symbol a folded paper crane, a traditional getwell token in Japan. This is in memory of Sadako Sasuki, a healthy two year old when the bomb was dropped. In her early teens she developed radiation caused leukaemia. Despite her illness she decided to begin to fold paper cranes. She aimed to fold a thousand such cranes in the belief that if she succeeded her illness would be cured. She had made 964 when she died. The children and young people erected a monument to the memory of this young girl.

At the base of this monument, hung with strings of coloured paper cranes are the words "This is our cry, this is our prayer, peace in the world" On this fortieth anniversary it is our duty to take heed.

CND MOVES HOUSE

British CND has moved its office.

The national office of the movement is now located at 22-24 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ and its phone number is 01-250 4010.

The nearest tube to the new office is Old St. which is on the Northern Line (City Branch).

WORKING TOGETHER — CND AND TRADE UNIONS

What's the best way for local CND groups to work with trade unions in their areas? How can the nuclear disarmament movement most effectively harness the full power and influence of the trade union movement?

These are some of the questions tackled in "Working Together — CND and Trade Unions", Trade Union CND's new guide for local group members on how to involve trade unions in their activities.

The sixteen page guide ranges over a whole host of topics, including arms conversion, civil defence and jobs with peace campaigns and how they can be taken up at a local level.

"Working Together" can be obtained from the CND Shop, 22-24 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ, phone 01-250 4010.

Women's Gathering

Nearly 500 women from around the country are expected to come together for a week-end for Peace, Justice and Disarmament.

The gathering which is to be held in Manchester over September 13-15 is a recognition of the vital role that women have played in the nuclear disarmament movement and of the need for a further strengthening of the links between the various issues and approaches.

There will also be a wide variety of practically orientated workshops, including banner making.

A creche will be available. Full details of the conference, including more publicity material are available from Many Visions, Many Hands, 61 Bloom St., Manchester M1. Tel: 061 236 1588. Donations towards the costs of the conference are welcome and should be sent to Charlotte Wager, CND, 22-24 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ. Cheques should be made payable to CND (Womens Event).

Organisers hope that a wide variety of women will participate including peace activists, trade unionists and members from all sorts of women groups.

It's hoped that it will possible to integrate issues like the economic exploitation of women, racism, male violence into the campaign against militarism and nuclear weaponry. The conference will be mainly workshop based and it will explore the various themes including countries at war, women's contribution to the struggle against Apartheid and women in trade unions. A special effort is being made to attract women active in miners' support groups.

NUCLEAR-FREE NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand trade unionists are calling for international support for their Government's anti-nuclear stand.

Since coming to office last year the Labour Government has banned all visits by nuclear armed warships. It has run into strong opposition from the American Government which has been sending nuclear capable and powered ships to New Zealand ports for the last eight years.

But while the American Government is not pleased the New Zealand people are very happy. As are the people of the South Pacific who have been campaigning for a nuclear-free and independent Pacific.



Trade Unionists have been strong supporters of the Government nuclear disarmament policy. The Federation of Labour — the equivalent of the TUC — have been long-time supporters and were founder members of the Pacific Trade Union Forum which has been in the forefront of the nuclear-free movement.

The New Zealand Engineers Union in a new pamphlet have called on their fellow trade unionists around the world to show their support for the maintenance of the ban on nuclear warships.



They are urging trade unionists to write to the New Zealand Government expressing support and to also contact New Zealand papers to show that support for the ban is international. They are also asking for trade unionists in Britain to oppose any attempts by our Government to undermine the New Zealand stand.



WHAT'S ON

September 13-15
Women's Gathering for Peace, Justice and Disarmament. Manchester, Details, 61 Bloom St., Manchester M1.

October 26
CND National Demonstration and Rally, London. Details, CND 22-24 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ. Tel. 01-250 4010.

November 9
Defence and Jobs: the North-West Crisis. Focusing on the aerospace and electronics industries. Details from George Strattan, 26 Trevor Rd., Liverpool L23.

G&M AFFILIATE TO CND

Another major union has decided to affiliate to CND.

The General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union (GMB&ATU) voted at their Annual Conference in Blackpool in early June to join the other 27 national unions currently affiliated. The vote in favour of CND was overwhelming.

The G&M is the third biggest union in the country with nearly one million members. It has many members in engineering, the NHS, local government and shipbuilding. Its affiliation will be crucial for CND's work for arms conversion and against the Government's civil defence plans.

With the affiliation of the G&M there are now 28 national unions affiliated to CND with a combined membership of nearly 8 million. This is out of the total ten million members of TUC affiliated unions.

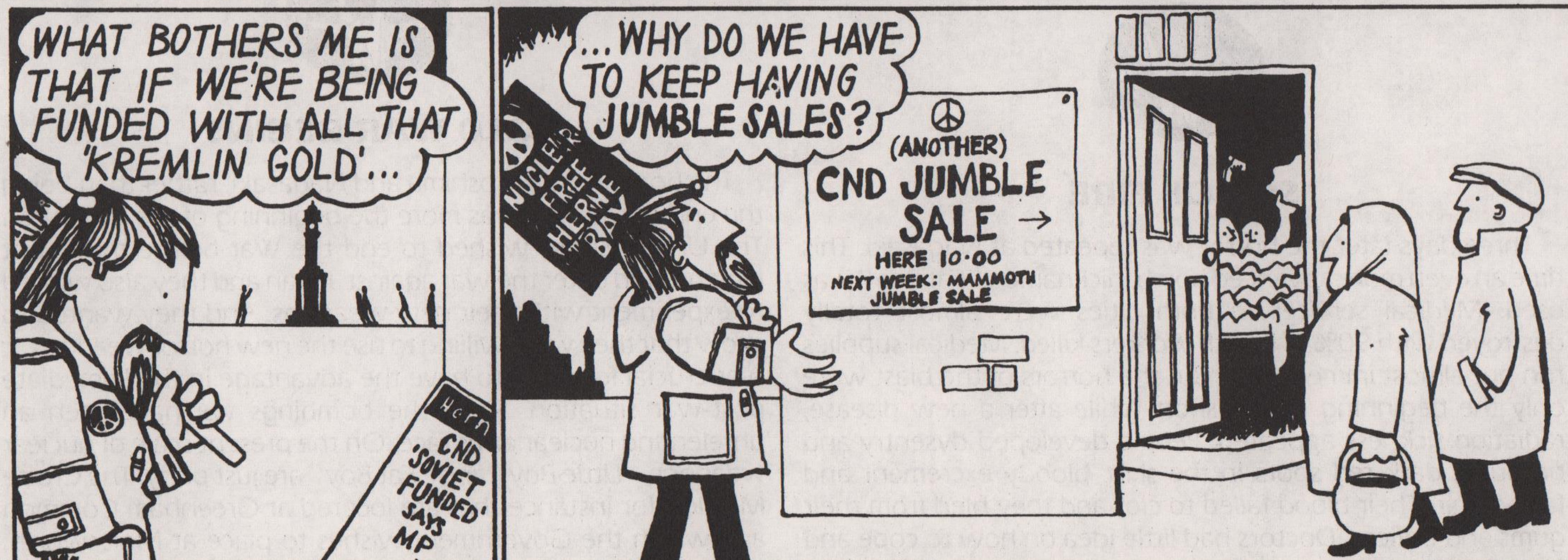
"Trade Union CND welcomes the G&M to the nuclear disarmament fold", said John Chowcat, the Chair of TUCND. We hope that they will actively pursue their policies and help build a nuclear disarmament majority in the U.K."

"PEACEWORK" — NEW TUCND VIDEO

Trade Union CND has produced a video on the crisis in the British defence industry and the alternative of arms conversion. Called "Peacework" the video features interviews with defence industry workers from around the U.K., particularly those from the Vickers Shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness where the Trident nuclear missile submarine is due to be built. Workers there have formed an Alternative Employment Committee to help develop support for job creating and socially useful alternatives to the Trident.

The newly elected General Secretary of the T&GWU, Ron Todd, also explains why he so strongly supports trade union and peace movement campaigns for arms conversion. "Peacework" can be hired from the Concord Films Council, 201 Felixstowe Rd., Ipswich, Suffolk IP3 9BJ, Tel. 0473 715754 at a cost of £9.00 plus postage or can be purchased from either Trade Union CND, 22-24 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ or from the Concord Films Council. The purchase price is £30.00. The video runs for 23 minutes and is available on VHS.

ARTHUR THE ACTIVIST



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☐ MEMBERSHIP
RATES Adult £6 ☐ Two people at same address £9 ☐ Student £3 ☐
Unwaged & Pensioner £2 ☐ Youth CND (21 and under) £1 ☐ (tick one)

Please find enclosed

£ _____ for membership

£ _____ donation ☐ (tick for donation receipt).

☐ I'd like more information about CND and the Trade Unions.

My Trade Union is _____

☐ Please send me details of how to affiliate my Union organisation to CND.

Please make cheques or postal orders payable to CND and send with completed form to TUCND, 22-24 Underwood St., London N1 7JQ. Telephone: 01-250 4010.

